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Dear Dudley:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of October 22. As you no doubt realized, it arrived while I was still on vacation.

We got back the first of November, after a very nice trip, to find the office as busy as usual - in fact, I felt like another vacation after I had been back a week.

Frank Waring shook the dust of Washington off his feet last Friday and will be in Tokyo anon. I sincerely hope and trust that the difficulties you mention in your letter will be automatically solved by his arrival.

It was with great regret that we learned from Warren that because of rather complicated personal difficulties he had decided it would be unwise for him to go to Japan. Bob McClurkin and Frank Waring told him that they were exceedingly sorry but that, of course, they understood his difficulties and would not press him unduly. I know you will also be sorry that he is not going. Frank will bring with him as up-to-date information on current developments as a host of people in Washington could give him, and I am sure that he will fill you in on what has happened in Washington since you left.

As you know, I do not follow very closely developments with respect to such matters as housing, but I know that the responsible officers in the Department are still working on it. I would imagine that a good deal will depend upon the success that Mr. Rusk will have with the Army upon his return.

We have been somewhat concerned with the recent leaks in the Japanese Government on several matters. Noel received a call from a UP correspondent inquiring as to when negotiations would begin on the Treaty of F-C-N. In view of the telegram we have received from

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POLAD, stating that the Japanese have stated informally that they would like to begin negotiations for the Treaty of F-C-N in January, it would appear likely that this call arose because of statements made by the Japanese in Tokyo. In view of recent leaks in connection with the Fisheries negotiations, etc., we are somewhat concerned over the possibility that the Japanese will make indiscreet public statements which will be embarrassing to us. For example, the negotiation of an F-C-N Treaty has become a rather routine although laborious and complicated matter. However, should the Japanese play it up for their own domestic political purposes, it could be linked in the United States with ratification of the Peace Treaty. I think that this is very unlikely, but, nevertheless, it could happen. I hope we will get out a telegram on this today. Incidentally, the incoming telegram does not indicate whether the Japanese have accepted the proposals as stated in the Department's instruction No. 63, of November 1, 1951, as a basis for negotiations. In my opinion, it would be unlikely that preliminary discussions would be sufficiently advanced by January to justify anything like full-dress negotiations. These things usually take more time than that.

I assume that Helen is on her way or has arrived by now, as my recollection is that she was to follow you in about a month. I wish you the best of luck in your search for accommodations. I appreciate your kind remarks with respect to your last evening in Washington; we look back upon it with a great deal of pleasure ourselves. It was nice to hear from you, and I hope that you will not let too long a time go by without dropping me a line again.

Sincerely yours,

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